

REMARKS

Claims 49-55 are presented for consideration, with all the claims being independent.

Claim 1 has been cancelled, and Claims 49-55 have been added . Support for the new claims can be found on page 6, line 11, *et. seq.*, of the specification.

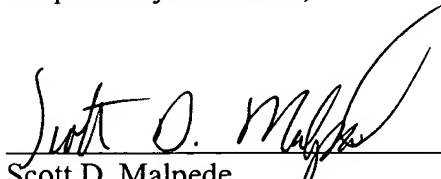
Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as Claim 1 in U.S. Patent No. 6,702,636. As noted above, Claim 1 has been cancelled. This rejection is therefore deemed to be moot and should be withdrawn.

Claims 49-55 are now presented for consideration.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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